



The Capacity Building in Legal Drafting Project, financed by the European Union under the European Development Fund-Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme (EDF-CRIP) and executed by ARCA Consortium, on behalf of the CARIFORUM Directorate, seeks to build the capacity of CARIFORUM States in the area of **treaty and legislative drafting** through **training and sponsorship**.

Accordingly, the Project imparted expert training in this area through an innovative MOOC¹ **e-learning programme** that promoted learning through remote **self-study** and **self-assessment**. The **Legal Drafting E-learning Programme** provided participants with the knowledge and skills needed to revise or develop legislation that will allow more effective implementation of the **CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)**, a comprehensive trade and development agreement between 15 CARIFORUM States and the European Union that covers trade in services and investment, trade in goods, competition, innovation and intellectual property, transparency in government procurement and cooperation.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

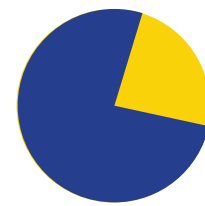
74 CARIFORUM public sector professionals trained in Legal Drafting to further implement the EPA!



74 course graduates with a successful rate of 88%



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Countries



24.8% Male
72.2% Female

This activity was implemented according to this timeline between 20th February, 2023 to 28th May, 2023.

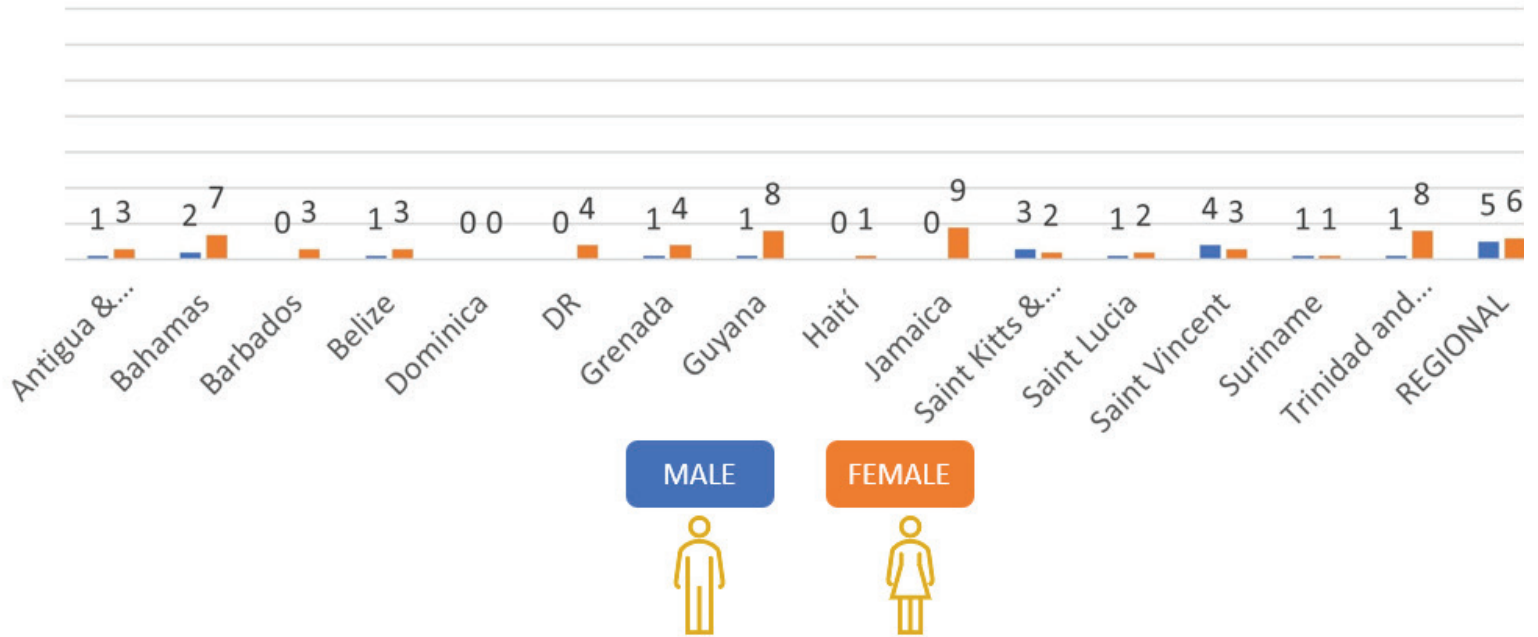
ITEM	DATE/PERIOD
Syllabus approval	September 5th, 2022
Open Call launch and publication	November 22nd, 2022
Open Call application period	From November 22nd, 2022, to January 10th, 2023
Start of E-learning	February 20th, 2023
End of the E-learning	May 28th, 2023

¹ Massive Open Online Course





Gender representation per country



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

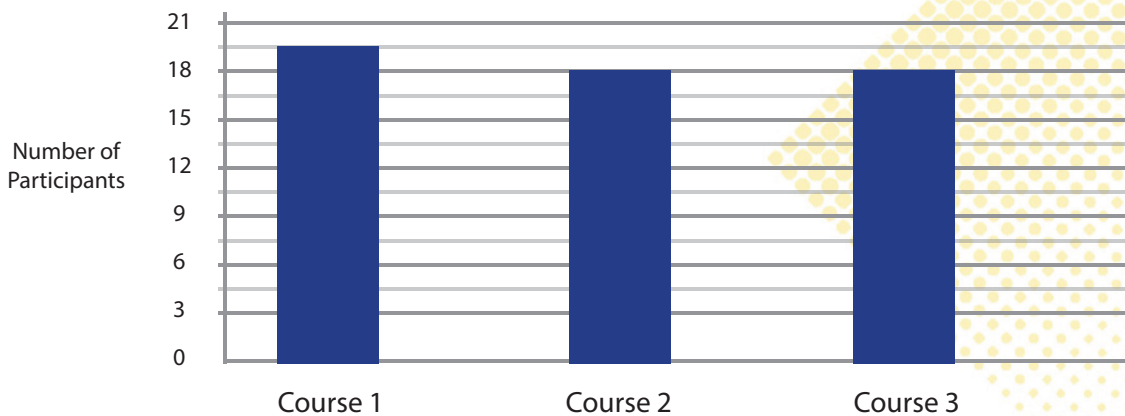
This online programme used the MOOC format that allows students to study independently and self-assess their knowledge in an **accessible** and **flexible** way. There were **3 courses in the Programme**, each lasting **4 weeks**.

The three courses were:

1. Treaty implementation with a focus on the CARIFORUM-EU EPA
2. The legislative development process and the drafting of legislation
3. Legislative drafting techniques and resources

Each course consisted of: **3 modules** and **1 week of live sessions** at the end of the course in which students interacted with the teachers and guest speakers.

AVERAGE OVERALL ATTENDANCE OF LIVE SESSIONS





MEET THE INSTRUCTORS



Nicole Garraway
Course 1 Instructor

Nicole is a policy and legal consultant who has participated in several regional and international development projects. She has particularly focused on providing advice to inform legal and regulatory reforms and has further coordinated and delivered several capacity building initiatives.



Tira Greene
Course 2 Instructor

Tira is an experienced attorney-at-Law in trade law and legislative drafting. Tira is an advisor for international law projects, benchmarking and legislative amendments



Albert Edwards - Course 3 Instructor

Albert has more than 3 decades of legal practice, primarily in legislative drafting, and also in teaching, training, policy advice and as a prosecutor. He is an international legislative drafting consultant, Statute Law Commissioner and Council member of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel, who has headed drafting offices within the Caribbean.

LIST OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Audel Cunningham

Course 1 Live Session 2:

EPA implementation and negotiation, with an introduction by Mrs. Carlene Hamilton from the European Delegation in Barbados.

Carolina Arias

Course 2 Live Session 2:

Dominican Republic: Legal Procedures for Implementation of Trade Agreements.

Gloria de Mees

Course 2 Live Session 3:

An Overview of Legal Drafting in Suriname Procedure and Process.

Dr. Dayanta Mendis (delivered two Live Sessions)

Course 3 Live Session 2:

Treaty development and implementation in regional integration systems (i.e: OECS, COMESA, CARICOM, ASEAN, MERCOSUR, etc.) and how legislation to implement regional treaty commitments is developed + Course 3 Live Session 3: Managing the Legislative Drafting Office.

Bilika Simamba

Course 3 Live Session 4:

Drafting Approaches that Navigate Ethical and Political Pitfalls + Inter-Agency Collaboration in the Legislative Process.

PARTICIPANT'S FEEDBACK

A post-training survey of the attendees showed that the majority of them found the innovative online platform to be

- Very accessible
- Easy to use
- Easy to access live sessions
- Very easy to submit tasks
- Very easy to complete assessments
- Very easy to use the test completion tool
- Providing really good course content

"With my successful participation, I further sharpened my expertise in the area of treaty and legislative drafting and updated my understanding of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) to better contribute to a more effective implementation of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA in Suriname. Thanks ARCA & EU!"

Feedback from a course graduate from Suriname

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